

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:) Before the Examiner
Wolfgang-Reinhold Knappe)
Serial No. 09/426,931) Lyle Alexander
Filed October 22, 1999) Group Art Unit 1743
SPREADING LAYERS, WETTING)
AGENTS FOR THEIR PRODUCTION)
AND THEIR USE IN TEST STRIPS) September 5, 2007

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2007, please consider the following. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any additional fees which may be due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but not to include any payment of issue fees.